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Dear Professor Lederberg:-

Yesterday, I received your letter of the 15th of February. Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in permitting the use of your valuable materials, E. coli K-12, and the exchange of reprints.

One of our coworkers, Mr. M. Kizumi is making an attempt to investigate the possibility of crossing between Japanese strains of E. coli and your's, in connection with biochemical genetics of E. coli.

I shall be very much obliged to you if you would send me the wild strain of E. coli K-12 and some biochemical mutants other than those given by Dr. Demerec.

I am very anxious to get a copy of "Papers in microbial genetics" selected by you, and my coworkers also want to get it. I shall be glad if you would send me three copies of it, if possible. We shall gladly defray the expenses to you, if this selfish request is admitted.

Very sincerely yours,



H. Kikkawa